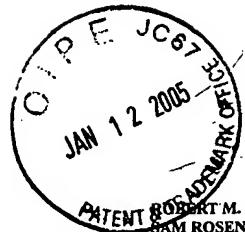


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2. PTO Form 1083 (in duplicate) duly executed.
3. Petition for Request of Extension of Time (3 months).
3. Our check no. 1809 in the amount of \$510 for the filing fee of a three (3) month extension.
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